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Conservation Commission Minutes 09/21/2006

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 MINUTES
 SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Mr. White, acting-chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were David White, Judith Hodges, William O'Rourke, Ellen Reed, Catherine Garnett, and Chuck Tirone of the Commission. Timothy Sullivan and Nathaniel Stevens, of the Commission, were not in attendance. .

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Reed/O'Rourke motioned to approve the 9/7 minutes with edits; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White distributed copies of the recent articles in the Arlington Advocate on the house at Mt. Gilboa. The board discussed some of the background of the land acquisition and control and use of the house. Mr. White will draft a letter to the editor in response to the articles, reiterating the open space goal of the property.

Ms. Garnett reported that Mr. Stevens and she are investigating whether a bond (and how much) would be appropriate for the mitigation at 339 Mystic St. with whom the Commission has pending Enforcement action.

The Commission will have a site walk to Cookes Hollow, on September 22 at 9am to discuss a capital improvement project and coordination with the Garden Club.

The Commission will attend a site walk to Menotomy Rocks Park to review the path improvement project around Hills Pond (DEP File No. 91-187) on September 26 at 8:30am.

Mr. Tirone reported on the installation of boat ramp signs at various locations around town.

Mr. White distributed photos of the Stone Road conservation land which has had a large amount of vegetation cut. Mr. White will consult with the DPW on this work.

Ms. Garnett reported on the planting plan for the Arlington Reservoir and the request by the Park Dept to have male crabapples planted along the roadway. The Commission discussed the habitat quality of the fruits of the trees. Birds utilize crabapples to large extent.

Ms. Reed and Mr. Tirone are not receiving emails from the office. Ms. Beckwith will investigate this problem.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Corinna Beckwith
 Administrator